

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A refrigerant recovery device comprising:  
a refrigerant recovery tank which stores an  
5 activated carbon for adsorbing a refrigerant,  
wherein the recovery tank is equipped with a  
detachable cap, and the activated carbon is wrapped in  
unwoven cloth finer than a grain diameter of the activated  
carbon, and stored in the recovery tank.

10 2. A refrigerant recovery method comprising:  
connecting the refrigerant recovery device of claim  
1 to a refrigeration circuit; and  
vacuuming a gas in a refrigerant recovery tank to  
15 discharge the gas before a refrigerant of the refrigeration  
circuit is recovered.

20 3. The refrigerant recovery method according to  
claim 2, wherein a filter of unwoven cloth finer than a grain  
diameter of an activated carbon is arranged on a path of the  
vacuuming.

25 4. The refrigerant recovery method according to  
claim 2 or 3, wherein a refrigerant is a low boiling point  
gas refrigerant or a mixture of a low boiling point gas  
refrigerant and a liquefied refrigerant which has a boiling  
point higher than that of the gas refrigerant.